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Credentials of representatives to the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Ridas **Petkus** (Lithuania)

1. On 14 June 2007, the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed, pursuant to rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4), a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine States parties: Algeria, Brazil, Germany, Guatemala, Lithuania, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and the Philippines.

2. The Committee held its meeting on 14 June 2007.

3. Ridas Petkus (Lithuania) was elected Chairperson by acclamation.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 11 June 2007, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement supplementing the memorandum regarding the inclusion of those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented by the Secretary during the meeting, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 91 States participating in the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, the Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia,

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Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Niue, Norway, Oman, Palau, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Yemen.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 61 States participating in the seventeenth Meeting: Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Estonia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Moldova, Montenegro, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Spain, the Sudan, Togo, Tonga, Uganda, Ukraine, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

7. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretary during the meeting of the Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum as orally supplemented would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 11 June 2007, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

> "**Credentials of representatives to the seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**
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> "*The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,*
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> "*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."